



Board of Directors Meeting May 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Roll Call

The CPWA Board of Directors met by teleconference on May 10, 2016. Anne Jackson, APWA Director of Sustainability and CPWA Advocacy, staffed the meeting and called the meeting to order.

In attendance

*Darwin Durnie, Alberta Chapter
Don Morehouse, Atlantic Provinces Chapter
Steve Blayney, Manitoba Chapter
Craig Kennedy, Newfoundland/Labrador Chapter*

*Claudine Claessens, Quebec Chapter
Andrew Stevenson, Saskatchewan Chapter
Rick Stinson, APWA Board of Directors CPWA Liaison
Alan Young, CPWA Advocacy Consultant*

Absent

CPWA President Kealy Dedman, Ontario Chapter

David Sparanese, British Columbia Chapter

Approval of the April 18-19, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Anne Jackson reported that in advance of the meeting, Steve Blayney suggested the following two edits to the draft meeting minutes:

- Page 3, 'Asset Management', third paragraph, third sentence – add 'million' after '\$50'.
- Page 6, 'APWA Update – Feedback to the APWA Board', bullet 'Volunteer Compensation' – revise text to read "Steve suggested that consideration be given to fully compensating (reimbursing) Chapters for volunteer expenses when the volunteers are doing business for APWA/CPWA (at PWX for example)."

Anne asked if there was any clarification to her questions about the following references in the draft meeting minutes:

- Page 4, 'Asset Management', second paragraph – 'training opportunities'
- Page 7, 'Further Discussion of Asset Management', second paragraph – 'NAMS training and its four guiding pillars'

With no clarification, it was decided the references would be removed.

Craig Kennedy moved to approve the minutes as amended, Steve seconded and the motion carried.

Update from Ottawa

Alan Young noted that it was great to see the Board in Ottawa, that it is good to have Board members meet with elected and agency officials and that the meetings went well. Alan then reported the following updates.

Parliament is in its second week of a three week sitting, the focus of which is the passage of the budget bill, which is working its way through the process. The Government is also dealing with the contentious issue of a physician assisted dying bill, which is time-sensitive.

The Government sale of the budget has gone well. Economists have generally given it a passing grade and are not overly concerned about the size of the deficit. Opposition groups have switched gears to trying to portray the Liberals as an entitled group. Two examples they point to are the International Trade Minister's visit to Los Angeles and the visit of Prime Minister Trudeau and his entourage to Washington, DC in March. The Conservatives and NDP are searching for new leadership.



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CPWA sent thank you notes following up on April's meetings and Alan will be watching Judy Sgro's committee and its launch of a review of infrastructure, with the intent that CPWA will be able to provide a written submission or testimony in person.

The Government has allocated its proposed \$3.4 million for transit over the next three years, based on ridership. P3 Canada has been moved to Infrastructure Canada (from Finance Canada) to better align with other infrastructure programs. The Government is trying to figure out how to meet the promise in its campaign platform of an Infrastructure Bank, which may be a solution without a problem, and will be conducting public consultations.

National Public Works Week 2016 Proclamation Campaign

Anne reported that she sent an email to the CPWA Board, Canadian Chapter Presidents and Canadian Chapter Administrators on May 3rd with an update on NPWW proclamations received. Steve reported that a new government has been elected in Manitoba and the Chapter is waiting to hear whether the new provincial government will issue a proclamation.

CPWA Proposed FY2017 Budget

Anne reported that the proposed CPWA budget for FY2017 closely follows the FY2016 CPWA budget, with funds added for the following items:

- APWA/CPWA Staff travel to one chapter meeting
- APWA Board Liaison to CPWA travel to one chapter meeting
- CPWA President travel to three chapter meetings/conferences (increased from two)
- CPWA representative travel to three coalition meetings

Asset Management Discussion Follow-Up Actions

Anne asked for discussion on the Asset Management Roundtable (2015) Follow-Up Actions, CPWA and CNAM initiating a discussion with FCM, and/or ongoing discussion with CNAM.

Andrew Stevenson noted that he would like to see CNAM's screening tool for asset management training opportunities.

Steve noted that he would like to see further discussion with FCM and an agreement about what new program funds will cover. Craig agreed that municipalities need to know how money will be distributed and Don Morehouse asked if there has been any further discussion. Anne reported that she was unaware of any discussion since the Ottawa meeting.

Steve reported that he has not seen any communication from FCM and noted that FCM pulled out of the RR Crossing Grading Regulations Spring Seminar Series, but FCM provided a speech to be read that indicated CPWA would be providing the cost of RR crossing upgrades to the road authorities.

RR Crossing Grading Regulations

Spring Seminar Series for West Region Chapters: Andrew reported that the Alberta workshop has been cancelled because of the Fort McMurray fires. Manitoba's workshop is being held May 11th, Saskatchewan's is being held Wednesday during NPWW, and British Columbia's is being held Thursday during NPWW.

Andrew reported that chapters have not had the response they hoped for from speakers. Transport Canada and the Canadian Railway Association are participating, but FCM is missing.

APWA Update

Rick Stinson briefly joined the teleconference on a break from his call with the APWA Finance Committee, which is preparing for a budget call with all APWA Board members.



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Rick reported that after the Board's meeting in Ottawa he sent a list of issues to Scott Grayson for follow up, including the event registration process in Canada, budget transparency, exchange rate, translation, member dues, and Canadian CLL participation. **Rick plans to talk with Scott at the June APWA Board meeting and hopes to have an update at the next CPWA meeting.**

Chapter Updates

Darwin Durnie briefly joined the teleconference, noting that he has been involved in the Fort McMurray fire response. He reported that the response has been incredible from the public works community but that Fort McMurray's social fabric will have to be re-created and the Alberta Chapter is working with other groups to coordinate.

Don reported that the Atlantic Provinces Chapter is planning its 27th Fall Conference to be held in Edmundston in late October. Don gave an update on the CPWA meetings in Ottawa to the Chapter and reported that there does not seem to be a lot of concern about the RR Crossing Regulations in the Atlantic Provinces.

Craig reported that his observation of the House of Commons debate in Ottawa was great. He gave a presentation on the CPWA Ottawa meeting to the Newfoundland/Labrador Chapter at the Chapter's meeting last week.

Claudine Claessens reported that 100 members of the Quebec Chapter will be attending the ATPA Snow Conference and that 40 teams will be playing in the Chapter's Hockey Tournament May 13-15. The Quebec Chapter has seen a 25% increase in membership and is pleased with the update to its website. The Chapter's Newsletter has 1200 subscribers and its September 13-16 Congress anticipates 100 participants, 25 companies.

Andrew reported that the Saskatchewan Chapter has over 50 attendees registered for the RR Crossing Seminar on May 18th and might have had more participation except for the rural administrator conference happening at the same time, so the chapter may consider offering the seminar again. A new issue of the Roadrunner has been published. The Chapter has had a good response to the June Golf Tournament. The Chapter will be adding a day, for administrators and councilors, to its Annual Conference next year.

Other Business

Website Translation: Anne noted that a proposal for translation of the CPWA website into French was provided by Janick Lemay following the Ottawa meeting and was distributed with the meeting materials in advance of the call. Claudine noted that the proposal was for translating the 'static' or unchanging sections of the website and that the Kathia Brien, who provided the proposal, has done a great job on the Quebec Chapter website. **Anne suggested tabling discussion until the next meeting.**

Adjournment

Having concluded their business, the Board adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting

The Board of Directors will next meet by teleconference June 21, 2016 at 1:30 PM Eastern Time.

The minutes were recorded and respectfully submitted by:

Anne Jackson

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